THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amount allocated and released to the Government of Gujarat for development and maintenance of National Highways during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as under:-

Year	Development	Maintenance & Repairs
	(Rs. in lakh)	
1993-94	6350.00	1033.95
1994-95	5100.00 (Tentative)	766.70 (upto 7/94)

(b) and (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is having in mind the proposals submitted by the Government of Gujarat for financing of certain projects linking State Roads with National Highways. The Government of Gujarat has forwarded 76 road/bridge schemes costing Rs. 56.57 crore under the Centrally Aided Programme of State Roads of Inter-State or Economic Importance in the 8th Plan. However, keeping in view the limited availability of funds for the Central Sector Road schemes during the 8th Plan, it has not been possible to sanction any proposal so far.

Causes of Raod Accidents on the National Highways

3034. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JATHABHAI PATEL:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major causes of raod accidents on the National Highways in the country;

(b) whether Government will consider banning liquor shops, bars etc. on the National Highways;

(c) whether Government are considering privatisation of the maintenance of National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government so far thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The major causes of accidents on the National Highways are both human error and mechanical defects of vehicles.

(b) As per List II of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, this is a State subject and as such Govt. has no such proposal.

(c) and (d) The Government have been contemplating to involve Private Sector participation in the construction, maintenance and operation of fee based facilities on National Highways in various States on BOT (Build, Operater and Transfer) basis. But no concrete proposals have yet emerged.

Expansion of National Highway Network in Karnataka

3035. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested Government of India to expand the National Highway network in Karnataka;

(b) if so, which are the new National Highways proposed in Karnataka;

(c) whether Government have approved the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?